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Remarks

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. The examiner's suggestions regarding the claim objections have been adopted herein, independent Claims 14 and 15 have been canceled, and independent Claim 13 has been amended to recite substantial subject matter from allowable Claim 12. Applicant believes this amendment to Claim 13 renders it patentable.

This leaves, as the sole remaining issue, the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Francis, USPN 5,608,604, drawn to a hinge for a portable computer in class 361, in view of Owens, USPN 4,934,692, drawn to an exercise device in Class 272. Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the input device inputs information to a processor (e.g., shown at 10 in the present specification, see page 6) and that the cover bears an output device (e.g., shown at 300 in the present specification, see page 8).

Applicant believes that the record does not show that Owens is analogous to Claim 1 as amended. Specifically, Applicant does not believe that the record demonstrates that the computer artisan would naturally look to the exercise machine art for ideas, see MPEP §2141.01(a). Exercise machines are not in the same field of endeavor as computers and would not have logically commended themselves to the computer artisan's attention, KSR Int'l Co. v. Teleflex Inc., 127 S.Ct. 1727 (2007). The structural similarities between a computer hinge and an exercise machine are striking; their classifications are different as noted above; and the claimed hinge is a markedly different coupling than the relied-upon brake band 36 of Owens.

The Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at (619) 338-8075 for any reason which would advance the instant application to allowance.

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